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**GOVERNOR DAVIS PROCLAIMS APRIL 21-27, 2002
“VOLUNTEER WEEK” IN CALIFORNIA**

SACRAMENTO _ Governor Gray Davis today proclaimed April 21-27, 2002 “Volunteer Week” in California to encourage citizens to become more actively involved in their cities and communities.

“Volunteers help meet the critical needs of local communities through their hands-on work,” Governor Davis said. “Community service promotes social responsibility and challenges us all to be problem-solvers and leaders in our communities.”

Governor Davis’ Office on Service and Volunteerism (GO SERV) is responsible for promoting service and volunteerism in California. GO SERV also works in close partnership with other organizations and nonprofits to help connect Californians to volunteer opportunities in their communities.

Currently, there are more than 7,000 AmeriCorps opportunities supported through GO SERV. For more information about GO SERV or how to get involved in your community, please visit GO SERV’s Web site at www.goserv.ca.gov.

During National Volunteer Week, volunteers and service organizations will honor those who have selflessly shared their time and will encourage others to become active in the community.

After September 11, Americans renewed their commitment to their communities with a nearly 50 percent increase in interest in volunteering. More than 15 million Californian citizens volunteer three to five hours per week sharing their time, energy and resources with nonprofit organizations.

Please see the attached proclamation.

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